

legislation I introduced with Senator KENNEDY in March of last year. The Local Law Enforcement Act of 2001 would add new categories to current hate crimes legislation sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred April 27, 2001 at Kent State University in Ohio. Mikell Nagy, an openly gay university student, was eating breakfast with friends when he heard someone make an anti-gay comment toward another friend across the room. When Mr. Nagy went to see if his friend was okay, a man walked up behind him, called him "fag-got" and punched him in the face. According to witnesses, blood was pouring from cuts above his left eye and his two front teeth were chipped during the incident.

I believe that government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2001 is now a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.●

#### HONORING CAPTAIN STEPHEN A. PRINCE

● Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I want to pay tribute to a native of Greenville, SC, Captain Stephen A. Price. He will soon be retiring after a distinguished 26-year career in the Navy, most recently as the division chief at the Defense Logistics Agency's Business Development and Supply Chain Integration, Fort Belvoir, VA.

Captain Price has served in a number of challenging positions. At sea, he participated in the highly successful maiden deployment of the USS *John C. Stennis* to the Arabian Gulf. He also served as an officer on the USS *Ashtabula* and the USS *John L. Hall*. His shore assignments, in the Area of Supply, have taken him to four States and to Iceland. His personal awards include three Meritorious Service Medals; and from the Navy and Marine Corps, two Commendation and two Achievement Medals.

We all appreciate Captain Prince's service to our Nation. I wish him, his wife Linda, and their two daughters, the very best; and I hope they have more opportunities to return home to South Carolina to visit Captain Prince's family currently residing in Myrtle Beach.●

#### 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SUNLINE TRANSIT AGENCY

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I am proud to take this moment to salute the incredible 25-year record of SunLine Transit Agency, which provides service to the Coachella Valley. SunLine Transit Agency is a leader in clean fuels technology, operating all its transit buses and other vehicles on alternate fuels.

SunLine is clearly ahead of its time. It was the first public transit agency in the nation to convert its fleet to cleaner burning natural gas, the first to co-develop, with private and public sector partners, renewable hydrogen generation and education facilities, and the lead agency in the Coachella Valley's award-winning U.S. Department of Energy Clean Cities program.

SunLine's clean fuel buses have driven 25 million clean air miles, and have carried 4 million passengers per year in 1999, 2000 and 2001. SunLine has hosted visitors from near and far, including foreign ministers, ambassadors, energy officials, automakers and energy providers. It has also helped other transit properties and fleet operators around the world convert to clean fuels.

I had the great pleasure to tour SunLine's state-of-art facilities and meet its wonderful staff. Last February, I presented the agency with my Conservation Champion Award and took a ride in its hydrogen powered SunBug. As I stood under the brilliant blue sky of the Coachella Valley, I felt proud knowing that California's SunLine Transit Agency is leading the way for the nation with innovative approaches to provide renewable energy.

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to Richard Cromwell, III, General Manager and CEO of SunLine, and all of SunLine's staff. They have successfully made it a leader for California and the Nation.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-7463. A communication from the Paralegal, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Fuels Formula Grant Program" (RIN2132-AA64) received on June 7, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7464. A communication from the Senior Attorney, Federal Register Officer, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "Indorsement and Payment of Checks Drawn on the United States Treasury" (RIN1510-AA45) received on May 23, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7465. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Policy and Program Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tuberculosis in Cattle and Bison; State and Zone Designations; Texas" (Doc. No. 02-021-1) received on June 10, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7466. A communication from the Chairperson, National Council on Disability, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a Anti-deficiency Act violation totaled \$183,500; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-7467. A communication from the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Injurious Wildlife Species; Brushtail Possum (*Trichosurus vulpecula*)" (RIN1018-AE34) received on June 6, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7468. A communication from the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act, 2003"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7469. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Department of Labor's 2001 Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7470. A message from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, Presidential Determination Number 2002-20, relative to Vietnam; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7471. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Veteran's Programs Amendments Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-7472. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 402(a) of the USA-PATRIOT Act (P.L. 107-56), the report of final regulations "to implement procedures for the taking of fingerprints" and "to establish the conditions for the use of the information received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation" in order to protect security and confidentiality of that information; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7473. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Human Resources and Education, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and a nomination for the position of Inspector General; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-250. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming relative to judicial taxation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2

Whereas, separation of powers is fundamental to the United States Constitution and the power of the federal government is strictly limited; and